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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

- 1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-195746, published July 21, 1999.
- 2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-22449, published January 23, 1998.
- 3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 5-13663, published January 22, 1993.
- Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 7-297359, published November 10, 1995.
- 5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 6-244360, published September 2, 1994. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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